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Pendennis, April 23.

THe last week arrived here two Vessels from *Lisbon*, the Masters whereof report, that before they came from thence, there had happened a great Storm, which destroyed several Ships, and did much other mischief; and that among the rest, a Hamburger of 36 Guns, and 90 men, being very richly laden, was cast away, and 74 men of the 90 drowned.

Falmouth, April 23. The 20 instant came in here the *George* Ketch of *London*, laden with Oranges from *Lisbon*, from whence she came about 13 days past, the Master reports, that there had been an embargo for three weeks upon their Fleet bound to *Brazile*, and that at the same time with him sailed from *Lisbon* 16 Dutch Merchantmen, all ships of good force, but without any Convoy with them. This day arrived here the *Success* of *Falmouth*, *William Bewes* Commander from *Mallaga*, from whence he came about 14 days past, in company of about 25 sail more, with whom he separated in the *Streights* Mouth.

Genoua, April 13. The news we receive from the *Levant* of the great preparations the Turks are making to set out to Sea a Fleet of above 100 sail does somewhat trouble us; and especially people are apprehensive that the Infidels have a design upon *Maltha*, or else upon *Naples* or *Sicily*, which lie most exposed. The Pope we are told is particularly concerned at the news; though we hope that these preparations of the Ottomans are nothing near so great, as the common reports would make them. It was some time since all the discourse, that the Prince of *Ligne*, at present Governor of the Dutchy of *Milan*, was appointed to succeed the Marquis *de Castel Rodrigo* in the Government of *Sicily*, though with a larger Power; but at present the thing is no more spoken of; and, as we are told, the Court is very well satisfied with the said Marquis *de Castel Rodrigo*'s conduct of affairs.

Venice, April 17. We have Letters from *Adrianople* of the 7th past, which give us an account, that the Grand Signior parted from thence the week before to *Constantinople*; but that the Grand Vizier remained still there, to dispatch several publick Affairs, and then would follow the Grand Signior to *Constantinople*, where the Caimacam had made great preparation for his reception. The Marquis *de Fuentes*, who hath some time resided here in quality of Ambassador Extraordinary from the Crown of *Spain*, is appointed to go for *England* with the same Character; and as we understand has lately received direction to hasten his journy thither. From *Rome* they write, that there being now seven places vacant in the Colledge of Cardinals, it was expected a Promotion would be made very suddenly.

Copenhagen, April 27. This noon arrived here an Express from *Landscroone*, bringing Letters from the Governor of that place to his Majesty, who thereupon, together with his Brother Prince *George*, parted from hence immediately after dinner, to *Landscroon*; of which we do not as yet know the cause; though in the mean time the discourse is, that the said Express brought advice, that our Troops in *Schonen* have so enclosed 3000 Suedes, that they must either submit, or fight through our Forces, who are much stronger than they. The King has pardoned the Burghermaster *Focke* his life.

Hamburg, April 30. The States of the lower *Saxony* have resolved to raise a Body of 15000 men; and we are told, that several Proposals have been made about treating with the Duke of *Hanouer* for the Troops he has on foot. The 25th instant the Elector of *Brandenburg* was expected at *Zell*, where he would be met by the Dukes of *Luneburg*, to confer together upon the present posture of affairs. This day the *Munster* Troops which are to go into the service of the King of *Denmark* pass the *Elbe*, and at *Wedel* are to be given over into the hands of the Danish Commissary. A famous Astronomer has Writ what follows of the Comet or Blazing Star that was seen here: On the 29th of *April*, 1677. a Blazing Star was seen, rising about two in the morning, in the N. N. E. its Body to look upon was like that of a Star of the first Magnitude, when it appears through small Clouds; but the Heavens growing presently after about the Horizon very cloudy, cannot justly describe its station; but according to conjecture, judge it had its place between the left foot *Andromeda*, and the *Basis of the Triangle*; its Tail turned upwards, enclining a little towards the right hand, in length about half a yard. From *Poland* we have advice, that they were not yet altogether free of an apprehension of the Turks, who make great preparations, as were given out against the Moscovites, upon whom the Grand Signior resolved to make War, to recover the whole *Ukraine*; however till the Peace last concluded be Ratified, the Poles cannot think themselves altogether secure on that side. The Dyet at *Warsaw* still continued, and would hardly be determined before *Easter*, new difficulties arising daily.

Strasburg, April 26. The Sieur *de Monclar* Lieutenant General for the Most Christian King in *Alsace*, has caused a Camp to be marked out near *Benfeldt*, not far from hence, and has sent orders to all the French Troops that are in this Country to march thither, where he will be able to observe the motions of the Imperial Troops which will be commanded by the Electoral Prince of *Saxony*. From *Metz* they write, that the Mareschal *de Grequi* has posted his Troops in three several Bodies, one near *Thionville*, the second near *Metz*, and the third near *Vic*; which are not so far asunder, but that they may quickly and easily join together. From *Baden* they write, that the Imperial Minister residing with the Suisse Cantons had declared in the Emperors name, that his Imperial Majesty would give order that none of his Forces should approach their Territories, provided they did recal their Troops out of the French service.

Francfort, April 27. To morrow we expect here the Electoral Prince of *Saxony*, who parted the 22d instant from *Nurenberg*; and at the same time the Marquis *de Bareyt*, Colonel General of the Troops of the Circle of *Franconia*, is likewise expected here. Seven Imperial Regiments are on their march this way, and their